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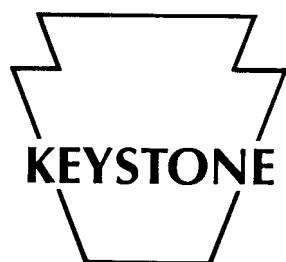
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MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in **Pennsylvania** during March 2005 totaled 896 million pounds, 1.2 percent above last March's production of 885 million pounds. The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 560,000 head, unchanged from February, but 4,000 less than March 2004.

Production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds in March, 180 pounds more than February's production per cow of 1,420 pounds and 30 pounds more than March 2004.

Milk production in the **23 states surveyed** during March 2005 totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent compared to production in these same states during March 2004. February revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from February 2004. However, production was up 3.1 percent on a per day basis after adjusting for the leap year. The February revision represented an increase of 30 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,704 pounds for March, 43 pounds above March 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.10 million head, 38,000 head more than March 2004, and 21,000 head more than February 2005.

VEGETABLE INTENTIONS

Processors in **Pennsylvania** intend to contract fewer acres of snap beans and sweet corn in 2005. Snap bean processors intend to contract 8,900 acres of snap beans in 2005, 32 percent less than the 13,100 acres contracted in 2004. Sweet corn processors intend to contract 1,600 acres, down 6 percent from the 1,700 contracted in 2004.

United States' processors plan to contract 1.21 million acres of vegetables in 2005 for the nation's five major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes), down 1 percent from last year. Freezing firms expect to contract virtually the same acreage as last year, with 383,600 acres under contract. Acreage for both snap beans and green peas is up 2 percent. Sweet corn acreage for freezing is down 2 percent from last year. Canneries contracted for 829,500 acres, down 2 percent from 2004. Acreage increased 15 percent for cucumbers for pickles, 13 percent for green peas, and 1 percent for sweet corn.

U.S. snap bean processors contracted to plant 194,800 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Contracted acres for freezing are at 60,900, up 2 percent from 2004. Contracted acreage for canning, at 133,900 acres, is down 7 percent from 2004. Sweet corn processors intend to contract 408,800 acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. Contracted acreage for freezing at 193,000 acres is 2 percent less than last year, and contracted acreage for canning, at 215,800 acres is virtually unchanged from last year. Tomato processors plan to contract 283,900 acres in 2005, down 9 percent from last year. Contract production at 10.8 million tons is 9 percent below 2004.

U.S. pickle packers intend to contract 100,700 acres, 15 percent above last year. Green pea processors intend to contract 224,900 acres, up 7 percent from last year. Contracted acreage for freezing, at 129,700 acres is 2 percent more than last year, and contracted acreage for canning at 95,200 acres is 13 percent above 2004.

PROCESSING VEGETABLES

| Crop | Area Planted | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | 2003 Total | 2004 | | 2005 Contract Intentions |
| | | Total | Contract | |
| | Acres | | | |
| Pennsylvania | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 7,900 | 14,000 | 13,100 | 8,900 |
| Sweet Corn | 1,200 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
| Tomatoes ^{1 2} | - | - | - | - |
| United States | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 200,900 | 206,900 | 202,950 | 194,800 |
| Sweet Corn | 438,400 | 412,700 | 412,400 | 408,800 |
| Tomatoes | 310,030 | 321,230 | 313,130 | 283,900 |

¹2003 not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ² PA estimates discontinued in 2004.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION

| Item | Unit | Pennsylvania | | | 23 States | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | | Mar 2004 | Feb 2005 | Mar 2005 | Mar 2004 | Feb 2005 | Mar 2005 |
| Milk Cows | Thous. | 564 | 560 | 560 | 8,059 | 8,076 | 8,097 |
| Milk Per Cow | Lbs. | 1,570 | 1,420 | 1,600 | 1,661 | 1,519 | 1,704 |
| Milk Production | Mil. Lbs. | 885 | 795 | 896 | 13,387 | 12,270 | 13,799 |

Pennsylvania: Corn for Grain - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 ¹

| County & District | Planted for All Purposes | Harvested for Grain | Yield | Production | Value of Production |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>Acres</i> | | <i>Bushels</i> | | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Crawford | 32,000 | 24,000 | 101.0 | 2,424,000 | |
| Erie | 25,500 | 20,000 | 95.0 | 1,900,000 | |
| Forest | 500 | 500 | 140.0 | 70,000 | |
| Mercer | 37,500 | 29,300 | 133.5 | 3,911,900 | |
| Venango | 7,000 | 5,300 | 120.5 | 638,600 | |
| Warren | 5,500 | 3,900 | 88.0 | 343,200 | |
| Northwestern, Total | 108,000 | 83,000 | 111.9 | 9,287,700 | |
| Bradford | 32,000 | 15,000 | 94.0 | 1,410,000 | |
| Cameron | 200 | 200 | 131.5 | 26,300 | |
| Clinton | 10,500 | 7,000 | 100.0 | 700,000 | |
| Elk | 1,300 | 600 | 100.0 | 60,000 | |
| Lycoming | 24,900 | 20,500 | 140.0 | 2,871,000 | |
| McKean | 1,700 | 800 | 135.0 | 108,000 | |
| Potter | 7,600 | 5,100 | 100.0 | 510,000 | |
| Sullivan | 3,500 | 3,000 | 100.0 | 300,000 | |
| Tioga | 14,300 | 4,800 | 165.0 | 792,000 | |
| North Central, Total | 96,000 | 57,000 | 118.9 | 6,777,300 | |
| Lackawanna | 1,800 | 600 | 140.0 | 84,000 | |
| Susquehanna | 6,600 | 2,800 | 100.5 | 281,500 | |
| Wayne | 3,000 | 600 | 119.0 | 71,400 | D |
| Wyoming | 6,600 | 5,000 | 129.0 | 645,000 | A |
| Northeastern, Total | 18,000 | 9,000 | 120.2 | 1,081,900 | T |
| Armstrong | 14,200 | 11,500 | 117.0 | 1,345,500 | A |
| Beaver | 5,600 | 3,600 | 100.0 | 360,000 | |
| Butler | 19,000 | 14,900 | 113.0 | 1,683,700 | N |
| Clarion | 10,800 | 7,600 | 149.0 | 1,132,400 | O |
| Indiana | 23,400 | 20,000 | 114.8 | 2,296,000 | T |
| Jefferson | 7,100 | 4,900 | 130.0 | 637,000 | |
| Lawrence | 15,900 | 12,500 | 177.0 | 2,212,900 | Y |
| West Central, Total | 96,000 | 75,000 | 128.9 | 9,667,500 | E |
| Blair | 33,500 | 18,600 | 114.0 | 2,120,400 | T |
| Cambria | 12,500 | 9,600 | 119.0 | 1,142,400 | |
| Centre | 28,000 | 20,600 | 128.8 | 2,653,300 | A |
| Clearfield | 4,400 | 2,800 | 190.5 | 533,400 | V |
| Columbia | 18,200 | 15,800 | 190.0 | 3,002,000 | A |
| Dauphin | 17,700 | 16,100 | 160.0 | 2,576,000 | I |
| Huntingdon | 30,000 | 19,400 | 105.0 | 2,037,000 | L |
| Juniata | 21,900 | 15,000 | 110.0 | 1,650,000 | A |
| Mifflin | 22,200 | 14,700 | 150.1 | 2,206,000 | B |
| Montour | 6,600 | 5,200 | 110.0 | 572,000 | L |
| Northumberland | 34,000 | 29,500 | 160.0 | 4,721,100 | E |
| Perry | 24,300 | 16,000 | 110.0 | 1,760,000 | |
| Snyder | 15,000 | 11,300 | 170.0 | 1,921,000 | |
| Union | 11,700 | 9,400 | 175.0 | 1,645,000 | |
| Central, Total | 280,000 | 204,000 | 139.9 | 28,539,600 | |
| Carbon | 3,300 | 2,800 | 120.0 | 336,000 | |
| Lehigh | 31,000 | 28,200 | 119.0 | 3,355,800 | |
| Luzerne | 8,900 | 7,300 | 158.0 | 1,153,400 | |
| Monroe | 4,000 | 3,800 | 139.0 | 528,200 | |
| Northampton | 32,000 | 28,600 | 128.0 | 3,660,800 | |
| Pike | 1,400 | 1,300 | 120.0 | 156,000 | |
| Schuylkill | 19,400 | 17,000 | 187.1 | 3,180,800 | |
| East Central, Total | 100,000 | 89,000 | 139.0 | 12,371,000 | |
| Allegheny | 1,400 | 1,000 | 140.0 | 140,000 | |
| Fayette | 11,800 | 9,500 | 101.4 | 963,300 | |
| Greene | 1,600 | 800 | 102.0 | 81,600 | |
| Somerset | 29,400 | 16,300 | 125.5 | 2,045,700 | |
| Washington | 8,500 | 5,800 | 101.0 | 585,800 | |
| Westmoreland | 19,300 | 16,600 | 125.5 | 2,083,600 | |
| Southwestern, Total | 72,000 | 50,000 | 118.0 | 5,900,000 | |
| Adams | 27,000 | 24,200 | 184.0 | 4,452,800 | |
| Bedford | 38,600 | 21,600 | 145.0 | 3,132,000 | |
| Cumberland | 46,200 | 31,700 | 130.0 | 4,121,000 | |
| Franklin | 79,000 | 45,800 | 125.0 | 5,725,000 | |
| Fulton | 16,200 | 8,700 | 120.0 | 1,044,000 | |
| York | 68,000 | 61,000 | 187.5 | 11,440,200 | |
| South Central, Total | 275,000 | 193,000 | 155.0 | 29,915,000 | |
| Berks | 55,800 | 43,500 | 130.0 | 5,655,000 | |
| Bucks | 18,000 | 15,500 | 101.2 | 1,568,600 | |
| Chester | 43,600 | 31,600 | 157.2 | 4,967,500 | |
| Delaware | - | - | - | - | |
| Lancaster | 174,500 | 87,600 | 184.5 | 16,165,300 | |
| Lebanon | 49,900 | 31,600 | 132.6 | 4,190,200 | |
| Montgomery | 12,200 | 9,200 | 107.2 | 986,200 | |
| Philadelphia | - | - | - | - | |
| Other Counties | 1,000 | 1,000 | 127.2 | 127,200 | |
| Southeastern, Total | 355,000 | 220,000 | 153.0 | 33,660,000 | |
| Pennsylvania | 1,400,000 | 980,000 | 140.0 | 137,200,000 | |

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties.'

Pennsylvania: Corn for Silage - Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2004 ¹

| County & District | Harvested for Silage | Yield | Production | Value of Production |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Tons</i> | | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Crawford | 6,500 | 19.0 | 123,500 | |
| Erie | 5,500 | 15.2 | 83,600 | |
| Forest | - | - | - | |
| Mercer | 8,200 | 18.0 | 147,600 | |
| Venango | 1,700 | 14.5 | 24,700 | |
| Warren | 1,600 | 17.0 | 27,200 | |
| Northwestern, Total | 23,500 | 17.3 | 406,600 | |
| Bradford | 16,100 | 17.1 | 274,500 | |
| Cameron | - | - | - | |
| Clinton | 3,500 | 19.0 | 66,500 | |
| Elk | 700 | 13.6 | 9,500 | |
| Lycoming | 4,400 | 16.5 | 72,600 | |
| McKean | 900 | 14.4 | 13,000 | |
| Potter | 2,500 | 14.0 | 35,000 | |
| Sullivan | 500 | 16.0 | 8,000 | |
| Tioga | 8,900 | 14.0 | 124,600 | |
| North Central, Total | 37,500 | 16.1 | 603,700 | |
| Lackawanna | 1,200 | 14.5 | 17,400 | |
| Susquehanna | 3,800 | 13.5 | 51,300 | |
| Wayne | 2,400 | 17.3 | 41,500 | D |
| Wyoming | 1,600 | 15.5 | 24,800 | A |
| Northeastern, Total | 9,000 | 15.0 | 135,000 | T |
| Armstrong | 2,700 | 18.5 | 50,000 | A |
| Beaver | 1,800 | 15.6 | 28,100 | |
| Butler | 3,700 | 19.0 | 70,300 | N |
| Clarion | 2,200 | 17.6 | 38,700 | O |
| Indiana | 2,900 | 21.6 | 62,600 | T |
| Jefferson | 2,200 | 19.0 | 41,800 | |
| Lawrence | 3,000 | 20.0 | 60,000 | Y |
| West Central, Total | 18,500 | 19.0 | 351,500 | E |
| Blair | 14,900 | 21.0 | 312,900 | T |
| Cambria | 2,700 | 16.0 | 43,200 | |
| Centre | 6,800 | 18.5 | 125,900 | |
| Clearfield | 1,400 | 15.3 | 21,400 | A |
| Columbia | 1,800 | 18.0 | 32,400 | V |
| Dauphin | 1,600 | 16.9 | 27,000 | A |
| Huntingdon | 10,300 | 16.9 | 174,000 | I |
| Juniata | 6,400 | 17.0 | 108,800 | L |
| Mifflin | 7,500 | 18.0 | 135,000 | A |
| Montour | 1,200 | 16.9 | 20,300 | B |
| Northumberland | 4,100 | 18.0 | 73,800 | L |
| Perry | 8,300 | 16.9 | 140,300 | E |
| Snyder | 3,700 | 16.5 | 61,000 | |
| Union | 2,300 | 16.5 | 38,000 | |
| Central, Total | 73,000 | 18.0 | 1,314,000 | |
| Carbon | 500 | 13.4 | 6,700 | |
| Lehigh | 2,500 | 18.0 | 45,000 | |
| Luzerne | 1,500 | 14.0 | 21,000 | |
| Monroe | - | - | - | |
| Northampton | 3,400 | 15.9 | 54,000 | |
| Pike | - | - | - | |
| Schuylkill | 2,300 | 16.0 | 36,800 | |
| Other Counties | 300 | 15.0 | 4,500 | |
| East Central, Total | 10,500 | 16.0 | 168,000 | |
| Allegheny | 400 | 13.5 | 5,400 | |
| Fayette | 2,100 | 17.4 | 36,600 | |
| Greene | 800 | 15.0 | 12,000 | |
| Somerset | 12,300 | 15.0 | 184,400 | |
| Washington | 2,300 | 16.5 | 38,000 | |
| Westmoreland | 2,100 | 17.9 | 37,600 | |
| Southwestern, Total | 20,000 | 15.7 | 314,000 | |
| Adams | 2,700 | 17.0 | 45,900 | |
| Bedford | 15,900 | 17.8 | 283,000 | |
| Cumberland | 14,000 | 20.5 | 287,000 | |
| Franklin | 33,100 | 20.5 | 679,200 | |
| Fulton | 7,400 | 17.0 | 125,800 | |
| York | 6,900 | 19.0 | 131,100 | |
| South Central, Total | 80,000 | 19.4 | 1,552,000 | |
| Berks | 12,300 | 18.7 | 230,000 | |
| Bucks | 1,700 | 15.0 | 25,500 | |
| Chester | 10,500 | 18.7 | 196,400 | |
| Delaware | - | - | - | |
| Lancaster | 84,000 | 18.7 | 1,570,900 | |
| Lebanon | 17,000 | 17.2 | 292,400 | |
| Montgomery | 2,500 | 16.0 | 40,000 | |
| Philadelphia | - | - | - | |
| Southeastern, Total | 128,000 | 18.4 | 2,355,200 | |
| Pennsylvania | 400,000 | 18.0 | 7,200,000 | |

¹ Counties not shown separately included in 'Other Counties.'

POTATO STOCKS

Total potato stocks stored in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2005 were 600,000 cwt., 200,000 cwt more than last year's level. Stocks were down only 100,000 cwt from last month's stocks level. Potato stocks on April 1 accounted for 23 percent of the 2004 potato production. Potato stocks for April 1 of last year accounted for 12 percent of the 2003 potato production.

Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report.

The **15 major potato States** held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2005, up 3 percent from both last year and April 1, 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 32 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 274 million cwt of potatoes is down 1 percent from last year and 3 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 26.8 million cwt so far this season, is up 6 percent from last year and 11 percent above the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major States have used 136 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 27.8 million cwt of the total processing, down 8 percent from last year and 13 percent below the same date in 2003.

Eastern States stored 8.42 million cwt of potatoes on April 1, up 17 percent from last year and 22 percent above two years ago. Maine's potato sheds hold 15 percent more than last year, Pennsylvania's stocks are up 50 percent, and New York's sheds increased 7 percent from a year ago.

Note: The 15 major potato states are CA, CO, ID, ME, MI, MN, MT, NE, NY, ND, OH, OR, PA, WA, WI.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS APRIL 1, 2004-2005 ¹

| State | Crop of 2003 | | Crop of 2004 | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | Production | Stocks Apr 1, 2004 | Production | Stocks Apr 1, 2005 |
| | 1,000 Cwt. | | 1,000 Cwt. | |
| California | 3,528 | 1,000 | 3,876 | 900 |
| Colorado | 23,652 | 7,500 | 23,148 | 8,500 |
| Idaho | 123,180 | 46,000 | 131,970 | 52,000 |
| Maine | 17,030 | 6,500 | 19,220 | 7,500 |
| Michigan | 15,015 | 3,200 | 13,650 | 2,700 |
| Minnesota | 22,330 | 7,600 | 18,920 | 6,500 |
| Montana | 3,339 | 2,300 | 3,551 | 2,000 |
| Nebraska ² | 9,744 | | 9,288 | |
| New York | 6,510 | 300 | 5,184 | 320 |
| North Dakota . . . | 27,440 | 11,200 | 26,765 | 10,300 |
| Ohio ² | 1,097 | | 1,080 | |
| Oregon | 20,991 | 8,400 | 19,775 | 6,200 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,375 | 400 | 2,640 | 600 |
| Washington | 93,150 | 21,500 | 93,810 | 22,000 |
| Wisconsin | 32,800 | 7,600 | 30,450 | 7,700 |
| Other States | | 2,610 | | 2,400 |
| Total 15 States | 403,181 | 126,110 | 403,327 | 129,620 |

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt. ² Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

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